

Editorial

Dear Villagers,

Thank you to all those who have responded to last month's article about Contact, or to the Facebook post. I have received a number of very interesting comments and suggestions for improvements as well as consideration of what will happen as the village expands. The management team will look at all these as we continue to plan for the increased circulation we need.

A hybrid format might be what we need, though this has its own problems.

One thing people have asked for is more general articles such as descriptions of local places of interest or recipes etc. Please feel free to submit this sort of material.

Life stories are also a source of interest, as is history of the village, so the historians amongst you might like to send things in.

Best Wishes

Clive

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A letter from the Methodist Church

Have you noticed how many different New Years there are? September marks the start of the Academic year, together with all those things that have originated in Academia. (This includes the Methodist Church year.)

At the beginning of September, the school year restarts. Children and young people go into new classes, or even new schools or colleges. At the end of the month the Universities are restarting undergraduate classes, with many teenagers moving to a different form of education, including a fair proportion moving away from home for the first time.



I have long felt that one of the more overrated characters in the Bible is King Solomon. His Biblical reputation is for wisdom. When God asked him what he wanted, he prayed for wisdom to rule his people. The Bible contains books known as Wisdom writings credited to King Solomon. It also includes the story of Solomon deciding which of two women is the mother of a disputed baby. The Queen of Sheba is said to have visited him because of his great wisdom, his reputation having spread through the Middle East.

Yet it is clear that Solomon wanted the power and position typical of a Middle Eastern ruler. He had 700 wives and 300 concubines. Many of these represented political alliances, a common reason for kings to marry. Worse, he let his wives bring their religions with them, and by the end of his life he was sharing some of these religious practices. His legacy was such that after his death the kingdom split in two and never rejoined. Many of his successors did not follow God.

So, as the children and young people go back to school, or on to colleges or universities, let us ask that they gain not just knowledge but also understanding and wisdom. They need to see through the fakery of so much false information that is spread these days (it always has been, but now it is done faster and in greater volume). They need to understand how language and numbers can be manipulated to deceive them. They need to be able to learn the lessons of experience, particularly the experience of others. Education should be so much more than facts.

And we may consider what our legacy will be. When we are no longer here, how will we be remembered? How would we like to be? What will we do about it?

May God bless you all, young and old.

Clive Salmon

Harlington Methodist Church Steward.

Harlington in Bloom



We look forward to welcoming the families and others who have moved into new homes in the village and hope you will join us! We need some new folks to keep it all going! We are a few volunteer people in Harlington who hope to make the communal beds in Harlington beautiful. Pop along to the Awards evening on 26th and see what we are about. There will also be an invited speaker

on Gardens this year, in a new departure for your entertainment, as well as refreshments.

The Awards are nominated from kerbside and then judged by independent judges, one for the allotments and one for the general village gardens.

Summer Garden: 1st 43 Barton Road; 2nd Kanderstag; 1 Foster Road; 3rd 104 Goswell End Road and 49 Barton Road; **Highly Commended** 18 Glebe Gardens; 10 Robinson Crescent

Hanging Baskets/Containers: 1st; 102 Goswell End Road; 2nd 43 Barton Road; 3rd 1 Daubeney Close; **Highly Commended:** 12 Wingate Road; 21 Glebe Gardens, 6 Oak Close

Dry Gardens: 1st 12 Robinson Crescent; 2nd 41 Lincoln Way; 3rd 39 Sundon Road

Congratulations to you all!

Thank you so much to our sponsors *Green Valley Construction*, Sanjeev at *Harlington Shop*; *Nevilles, Funeral Services* (Amphill); *Wednesday Morning Coffee Group*, *Gardeners' Society*, *The Hub and Spoke Cafe*.

Dates for your Diary (Some dates may be amended or added nearer the time)

Fri 26 Sept Awards Evening All Welcome Village Hall 19.30 pm

Sat 25 Oct Winter planting All Welcome Meet Village Hall 10.00 am

Sat 8 November War Memorial Tidy Up in advance of Remembrance Sunday 10.00 am

Vivienne Dunlop on behalf of HiB Committee <https://www.facebook.com/HarlingtonInBloom/> or judy.harfield@apertech.co.uk (Treasurer); Rosemary Tuohy (Secretary) 07793 016207/ rosemarypc86@gmail.com

"But now in September the garden has cooled, and with it my possessiveness. The sun warms my back instead of beating on my head ... The harvest has dwindled, and I have grown apart from the intense midsummer relationship that brought it on." - *Robert Finch*

Flittabus

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This month we include a reminder of some of the regular Flittabus services from Harlington to villages and towns in the surrounding area.

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The <u>first Tuesday</u> of every month e.g. 2 Sep 2025	9:15 am Bus stop on Station Rd, a few yards down from the cross-roads	1:00 pm Exit Door 5
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<u>Every Thursday</u> of the month e.g. 4/11/18/25 Sep 2025	9:03 am Westoning Rd 9:05 am Wingate Rd 9:07 am Lincoln Way Shops 9:10 am Bury Close 9:12 am opposite Tabor Close	10:50 am Tesco
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FLITTABUS TO HITCHIN

Route FL7

<i>Dates</i>	<i>Depart Harlington</i>	<i>Depart Hitchin</i>
<u>Every Friday</u> of the month e.g. 5/12/19/26 Sep 2025	9:17 am Upper school, Goswell End Rd	12:15 pm St Mary's Square
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The Great Big Garage Sale *plus* Wellbeing Walks

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Thank you, *Gwen Gray*,

Harlington Ramblers Wellbeing Walks

The Harlington walks happen every Friday morning and start from the Village Hall Car Park at 10.30am. They are a great way to stay fit, enjoy the village, and meet fellow residents. It is almost impossible not to feel good when we're walking outdoors – it's a natural mood-booster and a tonic for mind and body.

Whether you used to enjoy walking but have lost your fitness or want to get started to improve your wellness, we're all in it together. We're a friendly bunch so you'll get the warmest of welcomes. Everyone walks for their own reasons, whether to ward off illness, manage health conditions or boost their wellbeing. Yet we all get more out of it by walking together.



Brain Tumour Research



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Tomato Diet



Thank you for well wishes and concern for the loss of my hanging basket; it still has not been returned but I appreciate everyone's support.

By the time you receive this copy of Contact my green house will have been installed and my garage conversion should be complete. I am thrilled with my garden room. It is a space I retreat to, to find peace, calm and tranquillity. It is a prep room where everything is on hand and easier and quicker to source. I am already loving it and find it my go to place to be. I am very thankful to all those who made it possible and to you all for your encouragement and interest.

It is proving a good year for donations for plant and produce outside my house. To date this year £1388.00 has been raised.

By the time you read this the village show will have been and gone. I will report on our fundraising success in the October Contact.

Please can I take this opportunity to thank the following people for their help and support : Debbie for her plums, Duncan for supplying cucumbers, courgettes and runner beans, Carole and Roger for tomatoes, French beans and courgettes, Frankie's plums, Madeleine's cooking apples and Patricia's figs. Also for the anonymous donation of pears and eating apples all so welcome and much appreciated by the charity and those who visit regularly to see what fresh fruit and veg are available.

Thanks to Gill for stepping in and advising and encouraging sale of the last remaining tomato plants.

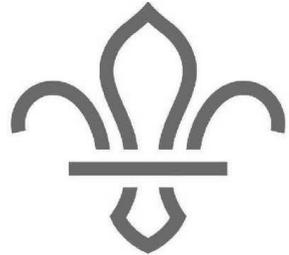
You have all contributed to our current fundraising total of £59705.76 and had a big part to play in our success.

And on a final note and just to make you all smile, it is now a known fact that eating tomatoes helps you lose weight, that is if you snack on these instead of another more offending indulgence! I have this on good authority from somebody who checks out if I have any cherry tomatoes on a regular basis and will not entertain supermarket cherry tomatoes due to their lack of flavour!!

So what are you waiting for, Harlington, check out the produce as well as the plants at 132 Goswell End Road.

Best wishes,
Jane Barltrop

Scouts



Calling All Volunteers – Your Scout Group Needs You!

We have a **vibrant, popular, and oversubscribed** Scout Group right here in the village, run entirely by passionate volunteers. But we need **your help!**

Beaver Scouts (ages 5¼ to 8) are full of energy, creativity, and joy—and they deserve a place to flourish. Due to recent retirements, we're urgently seeking **at least 2 new leaders** to join our Beaver Scout section.

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The Friday Thing



1st Harlington Boys' Brigade and Girl's Association The Friday Thing 30th Anniversary session!!



1st Harlington Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association (aka The Friday Thing (TFT)) is 30 years old this September. Originally just for boys, we are now open to girls and have a roughly 50:50 split. We welcome members from year 7 to age 25, although we run different activities for different ages. We don't currently have a waiting list.

TFT is run by trained Boys' Brigade youth leaders connected with the Church in Harlington. We meet from 8.15pm to 10pm on Friday nights at the Methodist Church generally during school term time. We will be restarting on 12th September. We charge £2 per week.



Activities include lots of team and individual games including pickleball and unihoc, crafts, practical activities such as making bird boxes and insect houses, first aid and team building games. We take part in local and UK-wide competitions such



as 10-pin bowling, chess, first aid, frisbee, table tennis and master team quiz (came 5th in UK in 2025!).

We also take part in activities with other groups, which included an activity camp this July during which members enjoyed lots of activities such as climbing, raft-building, canoeing and mountain biking.



The Friday Thing *ctd.*, and Wednesday Coffee

In addition to all these activities, we run a bugle, bell-lyre and drum band, which any of our members are welcome to join for no extra charge. Our band leads the village Remembrance parade and takes part in various other activities. We also join with other bands for tours, the next being in October 2026 to the First World War battlefields.



You can find further information at our webpage: <https://harlingtonmethodistchurch.uk/the-friday-thing/> or contact me below.

God bless

Martin Wallis

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Wednesday Coffee Mornings and Games



The Wednesday Coffee Morning returns on the 3rd September. We look forward to seeing you all again.

Doreen Gatward, Valerie Bates



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Crafternoon Tea *plus* Messy Church News



I was going to give you a picture of the skirt my sister has had made from some Chinese fabric we found at my mother's house when we turned it out, but it doesn't show well in shades of grey – in fact, it looks really dull, which the fabric is not, as it is in glowing turquoise. So this is a half circle shawl. I have made several, over the years, which have gone to the home where my mother is a

resident. I found the pattern on the internet, but had to make adjustments – as can be the case – as my tension doesn't match that of the pattern. The border is a “knitted on” edge, which is fascinating to do. Until one has made a couple of inches worth of border, it just looks peculiar! If you have tried this sort of border, you will know what I mean!

Crafternoon Tea meets on alternate Mondays, at Harlington Methodist Church, between 2 and 4 pm. There are likely to be all sorts of different crafts on the go, and we are happy to share what skills we have with others. We have materials, tools and magazines available, some always on the premises, and some which can be brought in if required, so let me know if there is something you are likely to want.

Our September meetings will be on 8th, and 22th. Both meetings will be on Zoom as well as in-person. Refreshments will be served at each meeting.

Contact: Tina Salmon (christinasalmon60@gmail.com), 874481, website: <https://cliveandtina.co.uk>

Messy Church News



Our new Messy Church year starts in September with our first meeting being on 20th September 2025 at 4 pm in the Methodist Church and Halls.

We have 45 mins of craftwork, followed by a celebration with a story and songs, and more activities, then we finish with tea.

Don't forget, while children need an adult, Messy Church is not just for children. If you find that making things helps with the Bible stories, Messy Church may be for you.

Clive

Gestalt Theatre and Dance

Gestalt Theatre

We are looking for new members in **Gestalt Youth!** Starting back 18th September.

Every Thursday until December, then Sundays from January

Ages 13-18, 6:30-8pm (Methodist Church)

If you love acting and creating with others this is the group for you. You will compete in drama festivals, perform in Panto and devise your own pieces to perform in our Showcases.

Contact gestalt.theatre@gmail.com if interested in joining!

Gestalt Dance is expanding into 3 classes! Every Wednesday starting from 10th September.

Ages 6-9, 5-6pm (Village Hall)

Ages 10-16, 6-7pm (Village Hall)

17+, 7:30-8:30pm (Methodist Church)

You'll learn a variety of different styles, choreograph your own pieces and perform in panto, village fayres and our Showcases.

Our adult class is just a fun class where you can learn a different routine each week in a safe and supportive space!

Contact gestalt.theatre@gmail.com or just come along to our first session back :)

Harlington Hotshots

Netball will be starting back on Sunday 14th September, 10:30-12pm, Harlington Lower School!!

Years 3-6. ALL GENDERS :)

If you love to run around, play games and sport with your friends no matter the weather! Or maybe you already know netball and want to learn more?

Please come along for a free taster session!

We will play some fun netball games, teach you the first basic skills of netball and you'll get to meet all our wonderful coaches and players.

Harlington Gardeners' Society *plus* WorkSpace



ANNUAL MEMBERS BBQ

We had a very successful members BBQ on Saturday 7th August with 27 members attending. Thanks to Peter for the cooking the meat & Carole & Roger for all the rest.

AGM

This will take place in the Village Hall on Saturday 15th November when we will

have a talk by Dr Tom Hose on soil & it's value to gardeners. Please put this date in your diary. More details later.

Tony Roberts – HGS Secretary

WorkSpace

Do you work from home?

Do you want to occasionally work with other people?

Every Friday in September, at the Harlington Methodist Church, we will provide a free of charge working space for people in Harlington using both the downstairs and upstairs halls. Quiet spaces and meeting rooms can be booked in advance.



After a successful mini trial in June, we will now extend the trial for September. Tea and coffee will be available with donations for this year's project which is Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

Wi-Fi is available throughout the building.

Each Friday the workspace will be available from 9am to 5pm and the dates are:

Friday 5 September 2025

Friday 12 September 2025

Friday 19 September 2025

Friday 26 September 2025



Flit Vale Wildlife Group



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Wildlife walks & talks

Friday, September 12th, Flitwick Moor (TL045354). Meet at 7.00 pm

Bat Walk at Flitwick Moor with Aidan Matthews, BCN's Senior Reserves Manager (Bedfordshire)

Flitwick Moor is an excellent area for bats and we hope to see and identify several species. The wider rides provide good hunting for Pipistrelles. If you have a bat detector, please bring it along. A torch is essential and insect repellent is a good idea at this time of year!

Charge: £4.00 per person

Booking for outdoor Flit Vale events is essential, as places are limited.

Please contact Ann by email: flitvale.info@gmail.com or

Phone (leave a message or text if you prefer) 07580 178-889 to reserve your place.

Sunday, September 28th, Flitwick Moor (TL045354). Meet at 10.00 am

Fungal Foray at Flitwick Moor, a joint event with Herts & Beds Fungi Group

A combined event with the Herts and Beds Fungi Group (HBFG). Hoping for a mix of damp and mild weather to guarantee a good showing of mushrooms and toadstools. Experts will help you identify your findings and tell you more about the wonderful and sometimes weird world of fungi.

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Saturday, October 25th, Nene Wetlands visitor centre (NN10 6FH), Meet at 10.00 am

Walk around the beaver enclosure at Nene Wetlands with leader Lara Jones, SPA Engagement Officer

Take a walk around the beaver enclosure at the Nene Wetlands with Lara and find out what our furry friends have been up to since their arrival in February. In this daytime walk, we will spend some time looking at their habitat, learning about their management and hopefully spot some signs of their work. Beavers

Flit Vale Wildlife *ctd.* & Toddington Rambling Club

are nocturnal creatures, so we are unlikely to spot them on this walk, but we will spend some time at the Nene Wetlands Visitor centre where we can watch plenty of trail camera footage of their antics on the screens.

Free car parking is available at Rushden Lakes for 5 hours maximum.

Charge: £4.00 per person

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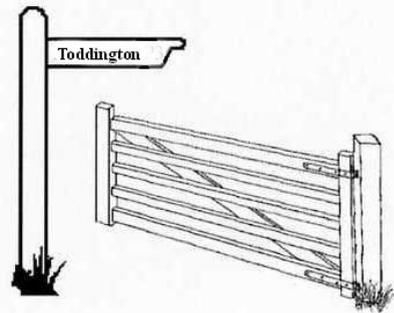
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Toddington Rambling Club



We had a very successful Garden Party in our Chairman's garden in Harlington on Thursday 5th August. This had been postponed from the previous week due to the non-existent storm forecast. 37 members attended & provided a great variety of cakes & other tempting snacks.

I will be contributing a walk to the Bedswalkfest which runs from 6th to 14th Sept. My walk will be on Thursday 11th Sept & starts from Sundon Hills Country Park carpark at 10 am. All are welcome to participate. Full details of this & other walks can be found on the website www.bedswalkfest.co.uk/walks

Tony Roberts – TRC Chairman (01525 753235)

Harlington Village Show

39th Harlington Village Show

Saturday 16th August 2025



We really hope you all enjoyed the Show this year – there were plenty of exhibits to enjoy and plenty of time to chat and enjoy some home made cake. Because the weather has been so hot, it was difficult keeping vegetables and flowers in good health this year. Our entries were slightly down in those classes, but there were so many other beautiful exhibits and the hall looked amazing. Next year will be our 40th Show so we'd like to make it really special. So instead of saying 'I could do better than that' or 'I could have entered that class', please DO enter – that's what makes the Show worthwhile - and it's fun as well!

Well done to all the exhibitors, and especially to anyone who entered for the first time. A huge "thank you" to the Show Committee, and **everyone** who helped set up the hall, exhibited, judged or served refreshments. And many thanks to our guest of honour, Betty Goodge, who presented the trophies. Here are the prize winners for 2025.

Flower Arranging Cup:	Jackie Gray
Vegetable Cup:	Tricia Murphy
Vegetable Collection:	Tricia Murphy
Photography:	Martin Wallis
Craft:	Jackie Gray
Preserves & Cookery	Rosie Hughes
Fuchsia Cup:	Tricia Murphy
Flower Cup:	Rosemary Tuohy
Longest Runner Bean:	Tricia Murphy
Heaviest Marrow:	Tony Roberts
Dahlia Cup	Rosemary Tuohy & Tricia Murphy
Best Scented Rose	Anne Jones
Children Pre-School:	George Jenkins
Children age 5-8:	Georgina Wynn
Best Grown (veg & fruit):	Helen James (grapes)
Best Flower exhibit:	Liz Hair (dahlias)
Overall winner, most points	Tricia Murphy



We have recently lost 3 village folk who had supported the Show through the years; Anne Brown, Cliff Stone and John Inwards. We will miss you all.

Tricia & Harlington Village Show Committee

Harlington Surgery and Sundon Medical Centre



Coffee & Conversation Event

Join Us for a Warm Welcome and Helpful Health Advice

Sundon Medical Centre are excited to invite you to our Coffee and Conversation event – a friendly and informative afternoon where you can enjoy a cuppa, meet new people, and learn more about local health and wellbeing services.

Thursday 25th September

12 noon

Newns Building – Event Hall

(behind Sundon Baptist Church)

244 Sundon Park Road, LU3 3AL

This event is open to everyone, and it's a great opportunity to:

- Connect with local healthcare and community services
- Take part in mini health checks, including blood pressure, BMI, pulse, and lifestyle advice
- Learn about services such as Pharmacy First, Citizens Advice, and the NHS App
- Get guidance on healthy living, managing long-term conditions, and local support available to you

At our Wellness Corner, you can get your blood pressure checked, complete a mini health check, or even book in for your flu, pneumonia, shingles, or RSV vaccination.

There'll also be fun activities like medical bingo, plus information stands and guest speakers throughout the afternoon.

Spaces are limited, so make sure to come early and make the most of this community event. We look forward to seeing you there!

"By all these lovely tokens
September days are here,
With summer's best of weather
And autumn's best of cheer." - *Helen Hunt Jackson, September, 1830-1885*

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Sunday

Services 11am & 6pm
Sunday School
9.30am - 10.30am (term-time)



Tuesday

Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
7.15pm



Friday

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5	Cllr Mary Walsh	11	VACANT SEAT
6	Cllr Jack Goodenough	12	VACANT SEAT

PARISH CLERK / COUNCIL OFFICE

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All Residents are invited to attend Council meetings:

All meetings are held at the Parish Hall Church road, Harlington, LU5 6LE	DATE	MEETING TYPE	TIME
	22nd July 2025	Full Council Committee	7.30pm
	2nd September 2025	Finance & General Purposes	7.30pm
	9th September 2025	Full Council	7.30pm
	14th October	Full Council	7.30pm

Want to keep up to date?

If you have not already done so, we recommend you sign up to our newsletter. You can subscribe free of charge by following this link <https://harlington-pc.gov.uk/> on the right hand side of the page, enter your email address and click the blue subscribe button. We will send you the latest Parish information straight to your inbox.

Looking for a venue to hire?

The Parish Hall is available to hire to residents and non residents for regular or occasional bookings. If you are interested in booking the Parish Hall please contact the Council Office on 01525 875933 or use the contact form to initially check availability.

Stay up to date with local news and events

Pick up the Harlington Paperchain from your local Parish Council Office and The Hub and Spoke Cafe! To keep up to date with local news, events, and stories from around the village, the Paperchain is your go-to source for everything happening in Harlington.

LIFE Church *and* Baby & Me



LIFE CHURCH
HARLINGTON

Sunday services at 10.30 am in The Parish Rooms

All Welcome

September 2025

7th - Carol Gibbs

14th - Polly Oliver

21st - Lighthouse Café Church

28th - Prayer Weekend Service Methodist Church **10 am**

Wednesdays 7.15pm Prayer meeting on Zoom.

For more information check us out on our website.

You can also contact us through our website if you have any prayer requests or would like to talk to someone

www.life-church-harlington.com

Baby & Me

*for parents and
babies*

0 – 12 months

coffee, cake, & chat

THURSDAY September 4th & 18th

10 – 11.30

HARLINGTON PARISH HALL



Methodist Church *including* Bright Hour Fellowship

You are all invited to join us at any of our services. If you can't attend in person you can join us on Zoom or YouTube if you have access to the technology. You can also view the YouTube recording later if you wish.



SEPTEMBER preachers are:

- 7th 10 am Come and See, led by Tina and Clive Salmon
- 6 pm Service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Patrick Kandeh
- 14th 10 am Sheila Norris
- 21st 10 am Rev. Claudia Lupi. This service includes Holy Communion
- 28th 10 am United Service for the Prayer Weekend

If you want to join us on Zoom, the Zoom link is normally sent out the day before. Email me, clivedsalmon@aol.com, or phone 874481 to be added to the Zoom email list, or if you would like our printed service emailed to you.

GET TO KNOW YOUR VILLAGE COFFEE MORNING 27th September 2025, from 10 am to 12 noon, in the hall. Proceeds this year in aid of the RNLI

BRIGHT HOUR FELLOWSHIP

The Bright Hour Fellowship meets on Thursday afternoons at 2.45pm at the Methodist church Hall each week. Members have opportunity to hear from a variety of invited speakers, share in the company of others and enjoy a nice cup of tea. Why not join us, New members are always made very welcome. No need to book ahead, just come along! We look forward to seeing you.



Speakers for **September** are:

- 11th - Sarah Bashorun from Action for Children talking about her work for the Family Support Team.
- 18th - Rev. Joanne Sherwood
- 25th - Rev. Claudia Lupi

ROOM BOOKINGS

Contact Trevor Caveney if you are interested in booking any of our Halls, Rooms or the Church. The Halls are suitable for meetings, groups, clubs and particularly good for children's parties. Reasonable prices. Tel 01525 754527 or t315485@gmail.com

St Mary's Churchwarden+United Prayer Weekend

St Mary's Church



Open Day & Gift Day: Saturday 13th September, church open from 10am - 4pm. You're very welcome to explore and enjoy the church building. We will have refreshments available all day, various activities for the children including a nature trail and games, free church tours at 12 and 2pm, and live organ music at 10.30am, which is always wonderful. Just pop in, we'd love to see you.

Messy Church: Sunday 14th September. At 9am in the Parish Hall. Breakfast followed by stories, song and crafts. All welcome.

Harvest Brunch: Sunday 5th October. The church will be decorated with flowers and produce for the celebration of our 9.30am Harvest service. Join us afterwards for brunch in the church. Just bring along some food to share with everyone, coffee and tea provided.

Toddington Town Band: Sunday 19th October in the church at 3pm. This is always a popular event and well supported. The band plays entertaining music which will brighten your day. Tickets on the door.

Churchyard: I had a real surprise one morning at church when I was watering the plants. Walking around to the north side of the church, I don't know who was more shocked - me, or the hare which jumped out from behind a plant pot and sprinted away down the churchyard. My heart was racing, and I'm sure his was too! It was lovely to have been so close to such an amazing animal. What do you call a line of hares hopping backwards?.....A receding hare line!

For service and event information, see Contact, the noticeboard outside church or our website: www.harlingtonchurch.org. If you'd like to speak to someone about a life event or for prayer, please contact revmarkedwards@outlook.com, or our Lay Reader Robert, robert@harlingtonchurch.org. You can also contact myself or fellow Churchwarden Neil.

Best wishes, Tricia Churchwarden

United Prayer Weekend

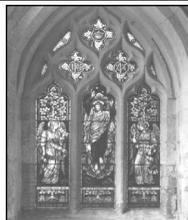
25th—28th September at the Methodist Church. Our annual time for prayer. For full details and/or to book a prayer slot at the church contact any of the churches.

Closing service 10 am at the Methodist Church.

St. Mary's Church Services

Everyone is welcome to attend Sunday services in our beautiful village church. Our September services are:

- 7th 8 am Morning Prayer (Book of Common Prayer)
9.30 am Morning Praise service
- 14th 9.00 am Families' Messy Breakfast in the Parish Hall
9.30 am Holy Communion
- 21st 9.30 am Holy Communion
- 28th 10.00 am Prayer weekend service in Methodist Church



Wednesdays

Every Wednesday 10 am Holy Communion or Morning Prayer

Other times

The church can be made available for private prayer by arrangement, please contact one of the church wardens, Tricia Murphy tricia.murphy5@ntlworld.com or Neil Walter neil@harlingtonchurch.org, or the Church Reader Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org. Alternatively email admin@harlingtonchurch.org.

For personal enquiries, for requests for prayer, or for enquiries about baptisms, weddings or funerals please contact Fr. Mark Edwards revmarkedwards@outlook.com 07305 822186 or Dr. Robert Johns robert@harlingtonchurch.org 01525 873214.

Further information and useful links

The church noticeboard is kept regularly up-to-date as is the church website which is at <https://www.harlingtonchurch.org>

The church Facebook page is: www.facebook.com/stmarysharlington/

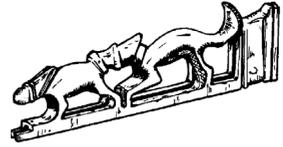
We are on A Church Near You at <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/7667/>

Remember that we are here for you.

Fr Mark Edwards, Dr Robert Johns (Reader), Tricia Murphy and Neil Walter (Church Wardens)

"Happy we who can bask in this warm September sun, which illumines all creatures, as well when they rest as when they toil, not without a feeling of gratitude; whose life is as blameless, how blameworthy soever it may be, on the Lord's Mona-day as on his Suna-day."

- *Henry David Thoreau, 1817-1862*



Monday 6th October 2025

Tales from Bedfordshire Churches – Miracles, Wonders and a Broken Heart



St Mary the Virgin, Keysoe.



All Saints, Eyeworth.

Continuing from our October 2024 meeting, this is David's second talk. It includes the Keysoe Miracle involving William Dickens' fall from Keysoe church steeple, Eilward of Westoning and his miraculous recovery from castration and Alice Anderson's touching memorial on which she records how her heart is forever entombed with her dead husband, four years before she re-married!

Speaker – David Longman

Flitwick Library Lecture Theatre, MK45 1QJ, 7.30 for a 7.45 pm start. Members are free, visitors are very welcome £5.00, payable at the door. Tea and coffee will follow.

The talk will also be broadcast live via Zoom to Society members.

Next meeting:

November 3rd – Millbrook Proving Ground

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Village Diary *plus* Get To Know Your Village

September

2 nd	Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
3 rd	Wednesday Coffee	Parish Hall 10 am – 12 noon
4 th	Baby and Me	Parish Hall 10 am
6 th	Birthday Ball	Harlington Village Hall 7 pm
8 th	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
9 th	Parish Council	Parish Hall 7.30 pm
11 th	Walk	Sundon Hills Country Park 10 am
12 th	Bat Walk	Flitwick Moor 7pm
13 th	Gift Day	St. Mary's Church
13 th	Garage Sale	31 Lincoln Way
14 th	Garage Sale	31 Lincoln Way
14 th	Families' Messy Breakfast	Parish Hall 9 am
18 th	Baby and Me	Parish Hall 10 am
20 th	Messy Church	Methodist Church and Halls 4 pm
22 nd	Crafternoon Tea	Methodist Church Hall 2 – 4 pm (plus Zoom)
25 th	Coffee and (Health) Conversation	Newns Building Sundon Park 12 noon
26 th	HiB Awards evening	Harlington Village Hall 7.30 pm
27 th	Coffee Morning	Methodist Church Hall 10 am – 12 Noon
28 th	Fungal Foray	Flitwick Moor 10 am

October

6 th	ADALHS talk	Flitwick Library Theatre 7.30 pm
7 th	Flittabus MK	Station Road bus stop 9.15 am
14 th	Parish Council	Parish Hall 7.30 pm

Don't forget the regular weekly things that aren't shown here such as the Wednesday Coffee and the Wellbeing Walks, not to mention the regular church services.

You can send things just to be entered here.

GET YOUR OCTOBER 2025 DATES TO THE MAGAZINE BY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Get To Know Your Village—Coffee Drop-in

At our Coffee Morning on 27th September at the Methodist Church, come and meet villagers and organisations to see what goes on in the village.

Organisations have been and are invited to come and tell people what they do and how they can join. If your organisation can't send someone, then send us information to display on your behalf.

Or just drop in for tea, coffee and a chance to meet people.